

## Elementary Teaching for Transformation: Sioux Falls Christian

At Sioux Falls Christian, the Storyline for Mrs. Haan's first-grade class is LOVE (Listen, Observe, Value, Encourage) Through each activity and unit, first graders learn more about how they can listen to, observe, value, and encourage others. Mrs. Haan and the students had the opportunity to love others by performing at an outdoor gathering for residents at the Good Samaritan Society. Below are Mrs. Haan's aspirations for this FLEx, her students' reflections, and a couple photos. Even the local media came by to capture and share the [story](#).



"Before going, we talked about how God calls us to love others. We talked about how we can **observe** that people in nursing homes might be lonely, and we want to **value** them by letting them know they are important to us. So one thing we can do is use our gifts of singing to **encourage** them!"

– Mrs. Haan

"I felt a little nervous and excited to sing in front of them."

– Everett, student

"I feel proud of myself because we got to make them feel happy."

– Hailey, student

"We went to make them happy because they maybe don't get many visitors."

– Vaya, student

"I feel proud because I got to see them smile."

– Norah, student

"We went to make them feel loved."

– Kayla, student